SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What a satisuction?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: There were frauds earlier. Even that was being perpetrated and that was continued for years to come but no ietection took place. Now, immediately because of the steps taken, as soon as a fraud is committed,steps are taken. We came to know that inter-branch reconciliation was not done for 12 years. Now the inter-branch reconciliation is also being made upto date. Because of this more frauds are being detected.

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: He has not replied to my point about parliamentary control. I seek your protection. I asked about parliamentary control. *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. K.L.N. Prasad.

SHRI K. L. N- PRASAD: The hon. Minister has stated that the entire profits of the banks amount only to Rs. 80 crores. It was also stated in the statement that the public sector banks have been advised to strengthen their vigilance and audit machinery and to keep a close watch over large banking transaction. Well, the instructions have been always there for years. But how they are implemented is the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: What is your question?

SHRI K. L. N.. PR ASAD: I am coming to that. May I know from the hon. Minister if the detected frauds are so huge, what about the many undetected frauds still to come out. Is the Government willing to institute an inquiry by a parliamentary committee? I can tell you one thing. Today Rs. 70,000 crores of public money is in banks. If a proper inquiry is made, how many thousands of crores fraud will be detected only a proper inquiry alone can reveal.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Your time is up.

SHRi K. L. N. PRASAD: I would like to know whether in view of the seriousness of the situation is Ihe Minister willing to constitute a paliamentary committee to go into this matter.

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SlNGH; We have examined this proposal. We do not "think it will be advisable or it will help the situation.

*204. *[The question (Shri Raoof Valiullah) was absent. For answer,* vide *Col.* 32 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN; Next question; 205.

Protection Io excise .and income tax officials on duty

*205. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: f
SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Ministerof FINANCE) be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 15 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd July, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to award exemplary punishment to the art silk fabric manufacturers of Surat whose premises were recently •raided for evasion of excise duty as a preventive to similar episodes;

(b) whether prosecution proceedings against them have since been launched; if so. what are the details in this regard: and

(c)i what are (the details of the steps, to be taken by Government to provide protection to the Customs,

tThe question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri M.S. Gurupadaswamy.

Central Excise and Income Tax Officials in view of the recent incident of assault of Central Excise officials in Surat in the course of the searches at the residences and business premises of art silk fabric processors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARADHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b). Six persons have been arrested for contravention of the provisions of Central Excise law. while 128 persons were arrested by the police in connection with violence against Central Excise Officers, during recent raids on Art Silk manufacturers of Surat. Appropriate penal action undere the provisions of the relevant laws will be takea after completion of investigations which are in progress.

(c) State Governments have already been requested to ask District/Police authorities to extend full cooperation to the Customs, and Central Excise staff by way of sparing and deploying adequate armed police per sonnel to assist them in their operations against smugglers and ^ax evaders. Police assistance wherever necessary for providing adeauate protection to Customs. Central Excise and Income Tax Officials would be taken while on raids/search and seizure duties.

SHRl M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I have gone through the statement. I am told that in this incident the Finance Minister appreciated the work of the officials who were attacked hy the art silk fabric manufacturers in Surat and even awarded some prize to them for the work done, for the courage shown. After that, I am told some of the officials, after getting appreciation, have been transferred to other places. Is it true?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: Not hecause of their efficiency. *(Interruptions).*

SHRi M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I asked: is it true that they have heen transferred after getting appreciation?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP-SlNGH; I made my answer very clear, Sir.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: His answer is very enigmatic.

MR. CHAIRMAN; He has replied that they have been transferred not because of their efficiency. (Interruptions)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: May I draw the inference that they were very efficient in their work and that subsequently there was a lot of pressure on the Finance Minister or the Ministry that such officials should not be kept there and as a result of the pressure built up by the merchants who were involved they were transferred?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SlNGH- This is a wrong assumption.

श्री सुशील चन्द मोहन्ता : सभापति जी, मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि यह जो रेड आर्गेनाइज होती है और मैं मानता हूं, मेरी नालेज यही है कि यह रेड उस वक्त सक्सेसफुल हो जाती है, जब उसकी लीक-आउट नहीं होती है कि रेड होने वाली है। लेकिन लीक होने के बाद फेल हो जाती है और जब लीक-आउट नहीं होती, तो रेड सक्सेसफुल हो जाती है और इसमें जो लोग पकड़े जाते हैं, उनको क्या बी० आई० पी० इन्क्लयूडिंग मेंबर आफ पार्लियामेंट एण्ड मेम्बर आफ दी रुलिंग पार्टी इन देट पर्टिकुलर केस प्रोटेक्ट करते हैं और इस वजह से उनके खिलाफ सालों मुकदमें चलते नहीं और इन्वेस्टीगेशन स्टेज पर ही खराब करने की कोशिश की जाती है ?

SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH: I totally deny the allegation against Members of Parliament. I have not come across even a single Member of Parliament who has tried

to protect **any person** involved in the **raids.**

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : सभापति महोदय, वित्त मंत्री जी क्या यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सूरत में आर्ट सिल्क की 175 यूनिट हैं। उन्होंने वहां जो छापे मारे हैं, वह कितने यूनिटस पर मारे हैं फार दी फर्स्ट टाइम, सबसे पहली दफा और अब तक जबसे यह छापे चल रहे हैं, अब तक कितने यूनिटस पर छापे लग चुके हैं और कितने रुपये की चोरी उन्होंने अभी तक डिटेक्ट की है और उनके खिलाफ क्या एक्शन लिए गए हैं ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: In the Surat incident, 16 factory premises and 40 shops were raided and the fabrics valued at Rs. 6.50 crores were seized.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : मान्यवर, मैंने यह कहा था कि वहां 175 यूनिट हैं, क्या 16 के अगेन्स्ट रेड किया है ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI; 16 factories and 40 shops.

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Have you conducted raids again ts 175 units of art silk?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you take action against 175 units of art silk?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: About the arrests I can say that 6 persons were arrested from the factory side and in all 128 persons were arrested in this connection.

श्री हुकमदेव नारायण यादव : सभापति महोदय, मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि वहां जो छापामारी की गई, तो वित्त विभाग के जो अधिकारी थे, उनका तो तबादला हुआ। लेकिन जिन व्यापारियों पर मुकदमे जारी किए गए, केस दायर किए गए, उन मुकदमों की क्या हालत है ? क्या वे मुकदमें भी सरकार वापस लेना चाहती है या उन मुकदमों को वापस लेने की कोई प्रक्रिया चल रही है क्या ? नंबर-दो छापामारी के समय अधिकारियों के ऊपर जो हमले किए गए या आगे किए जाएंगे, उनसे अधिकारियों को बचाने के लिए जो भारतीय दण्ड विधान है, उस भारतीय दण्ड विधान, आई०पी०सी० और सी० आर० पी० सी० के तहत् उन व्यापारियों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही करने का सरकार का कोई प्रावधान है या नहीं ? उनके खिलाफ इनकी धाराओं के तहत् कोई कार्यवाही की गई है या नहीं ? छापामारी के कारण अभी-अभी वित्त मंत्री जी का उत्तर प्रदेश से बयान पड़ा अखबारों में कि लगातार छापामारी का असर हो रहा है कि व्यापारी लोग और पूंजीपति लोग इतने खफा हो गए हैं कि इनको धमकी भी मिल रही है टेलीफोन पर। तो बात इतनी दूर तक पहुंच चुकी है कि देश के लोगों के सामने आ गयी। क्यों वे व्यापारी इतनी हिम्मत करके छापामारी से घबड़ा कर वित्तमंत्री को धमकी दे रहे हैं कि आपको ही बंद करा देंगे? इन सभी चीजों पर सरकार का ध्यान है क्या? और कर चोरी करने वालों के खिलाफ यह सरकार क्या कठोर कदम उठाने जा रही है।

श्री विश्वनाथ प्रताप सिंह : मान्यवर, जहां तक मुकदमे वापस करने की बात है, इस का कोई प्रश्न ही नहीं है कि मुकदमे वापस करने का विचार कर रही है, मुकदमें वापस किए जाएं। जहां तक सवाल है कि पुलिस द्वारा क्रिमिनल प्रोसीजर कोड के अन्तर्गत कार्यवाही की गई कि नहीं, हमको यह जानकारी दी गई है कि आई० पी० सी० के अन्दर सौ से ज्यादा लोगों को अरेस्ट किया गया है। जहां तक सवाल है सख्ती से काम करने का या धमकी का, सरकार किसी धमकी से नहीं डरती और सख्ती से कार्यवाही करेगी।

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Sir, apart from this preventive and deterrent action which is taken and giving protection to officers concerned, I find that this is not "the solitary case. Similar incidents have happened earlier also as in the case of Kanpur some time back. I would like to ask